

## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| INVENTOR(S): | Sprunk et al.                           | GROUP ART UNIT:   | 2135          |
| APPLN. NO.:  | 09/588,828                              | EXAMINER:         | Yin-Chen Shaw |
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| TITLE:       | Self Authentication Ciphertext Chaining |                   |               |

**Amendment**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the final Office Action mailed 04/05/2007 concerning the above-identified application. A Petition for Extension of Time to respond, with fee authorization, is submitted concurrently herewith. Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections made in the Office Action and to allow the claims to issue.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.